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SUBJECT No. 149.

Opening of a Railway line from Hassan to Mangalore.

Messrs. D. Nanje Gowda and Thimmappaiya, Manjarabad Taluk and H. Basave Gowda, Hassan District Board.

Mr. D. Nanjegowda.—The question of opening a railway line from Hassan to Mangalore is being pressed for a long time, but nothing has been done in the matter yet. The Mangalore District Board and the Government of Madras are in favour of opening the line. Even Mr. Richards has given his opinion as to the feasibility of opening this line. In order to improve the *malnad* tracts, Government should open a line very soon connecting Chikmagalur with railway through Saklespur and Belur.

Second Member of Council.—It is about 24 miles from Hassan to Manjarabad. Twelve miles beyond Manjarabad our boundary ceases. There are about 16 miles of ghats. We require at least 40 lakhs of rupees for constructing the line through the ghats. The South Indian Railway should agree to construct the line up to the frontier and the Government of India should approve of it. Only then, we shall be able to construct our portion of the line. This line is one of the projected lines. It is only a matter of time and as soon as sufficient funds are available, this work will be taken on hand. The line from Hassan to Chikmagalur is not under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Opening a Railway line from Yedatore to Coorg *via* Hunsur and Periapatna.

Messrs. Seetharamiah, Hanumantha Setty and Mir. Raza Ali, Hunsur Taluk.

Mr. Sitharamayya.—A railway line may be opened from Yedatore to Hunsur and extended to Coorg *via* Periapatna, thereby increasing the imports and exports as Hunsur is an important centre. On a previous occasion, the District Board had promised to contribute 3 lakhs for this purpose.

Second Member of Council.—It is the intention of the British Government and the Mysore Durbar to give railway connection to Coorg. The Railway Board are considering this. The Coorg Commission are more anxious than we are. Money must be found.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—There is a large traffic in timber and the extension of the railway line up to Hunsur is very necessary. The Hunsur Taluk Board is willing to contribute three lakhs and there is no reason why the work should not be commenced now.

Second Member of Council.—The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 151.

Opening of a railway line from Mysore or Nanjangud *via* T.-Narsipur, Mugur and Santemarahalli.

Messrs. V. Shama Iyengar and N. Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk, H. Varadiah, T.-Narapallty Municipality and P. R. Lakshiminaranappa, Mugur Municipality and K. Venkatasamy Iyer, Mysore District Board.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—A railway line may be opened either from Mysore or Nanjangud *via* T. Narsipur, Mugur and Santemarahalli.

Second Member of Council.—Government will consider the proposal to make a feeder line to T.-Narsipur and Mugur as soonas the Nanjangud line is constructed.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—Rs. 12,000 has been allotted for constructing the Kuppanahalli bridge between Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur and Mugur.